**Ms. Looser**

**Honors English 1**

**Midterm Essay**

**January 2012**

***Wintergirls* Literary Analysis Essay**

**Due Thursday, January 26, 2012**

For your midterm, you will write a 3-5 page essay analyzing the theme of *Wintergirls*. First, you must determine what you think the theme is. Then, you must provide evidence and examples while you thoroughly analyze how that theme is portrayed in the novel. Your essay should be typed and formatted according to MLA guidelines, and then shared with me on Google Docs.

The following rubrics will be used to score this assignment:

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| **Drafting/Planning** | **Points** |
| Working thesis due Tuesday, January 17th, 2012 | /5 |
| Essay Outline/Planning Organizer due Friday, January 19th, 2012 | /5 |

Note: It’s very important to stay on track in the planning process, so we can all help each other with revisions.

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| **Final Essay** | **Points** |
| A clearly articulated thesis statement that is logical, persuasive, insightful, and original. | /15 |
| Evidence that is highly persuasive and effective in supporting the thesis. Quotes are well-placed and fit nicely with ideas presented in each paragraph. | /40 |
| A clear and logical organizational structure with paragraphs organized around a central idea, smooth transitions, topic sentences, and other structures skillfully chosen and applied. | /15 |
| Language that is precise and engaging, with exceptional sense of voice, awareness of purpose, and effectively varied sentence structure. | /5 |
| Writing is sophisticated and contains no spelling, punctuation, or grammar errors. | /5 |
| Essay structure meets all MLA requirements, including appropriate parenthetical citations, and is at least 3-5 pages in length. | /10 |

**Total: /100**

**Working Thesis (due Tuesday, 1/17):**